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THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

A Prayer

O God, within whose sight
All men have equal right
To worship Thee,
Break every bar that holds
Thy flock in diverse folds;
Thy will from none withholds
Full liberty.

Lord, set Thy churches free
From foolish rivalry.
Lord, make all free!
Let all past bitterness
Now and forever cease,
And all our souls possess
True charity.

John Oxanham

Our Churches in This Hour

Our nation, in its origin and history has been committed to achieving a way of life appropriate to man's dignity as a child of God. The purpose of the colossal sacrifice of this war is to win freedom for others as well as ourselves to press on toward that goal. Military victory will mark the success of resistance against forces abroad which sought to establish a social order we believe to be destructive of human welfare.

But military victory will not of itself establish the better world we seek, for the forces against which we contend with arms are the

symptoms of deep-seated ethical and spiritual deterioration which is not limited to the people of the enemy nations. The achievement of a better world will require a spiritual discipline and moral strength greater than that which prevailed before the war. Our people should therefore be urged to give thoughtful consideration even now in the prospect of victory to several basic factors in our national situation:

(1) Military victory will leave in its wake the grave moral hazards of pride and complacency.

(2) We shall emerge from the war as a nation with unprecedented, and in many respects unrivaled, industrial, economic and military power the possession of which will impose upon us unprecedented responsibility. Since we have not felt the crushing effect of power as have most other nations, we are not so acutely aware of the dangers that inhere in its irresponsible use.

(3) With the end of war there will be an inevitable relaxation of social and individual discipline. There is a moral dynamism inherent in the waging of war which is conducive to the subserving of personal and group interest to the common good. A new social purpose must be found which will provide a new moral dynamism.

(4) Years of preoccupation with the production and use of mechanical, economic and physical power have so concentrated our attention as a people upon things that we shall be tempted

to place too much reliance upon them and upon the ingenuity of man's technical and institutional contriving.

Therefore, if we are to make progress toward the achievement of our purpose as a nation and to fulfill our duties of leadership in the world by example and by wise helpfulness, we must be morally strong. For this reason the resources and disciplines of religion were never more essential in our history or in the life of any nation than in ours for the days upon which we are entering.

In order that they may fulfill their appropriate responsibility, it is incumbent upon the churches

to lead this nation to a new dynamic faith in God and to a resolute commitment to the great task remaining before us, realizing that only that nation is truly great whose God is the Lord;

to proclaim to the leaders and all the citizens of America that in public policy and conduct we must recognize the governance of God and the immutability of the moral law, that the leadership to which we are called may be exercised with due humility and under the restraint of moral discipline and in cooperation with other nations;

to teach our people, by faithful preaching of the Word of God and by the example of their life and work in the community, that the way to the achievement of true strength and dignity for the individual, the group or the nation lies not in the pursuit of selfish interest but in the service of the common good;

to warn the people against preoccupation with the making and acquisition of things, lest things become the masters of men and we lose our souls in a culture of secularism;

to be more aggressive and effective in evangelism and Christian education to the end that individuals may be won to the acceptance of Christ as Saviour for time and eternity.

If the churches should fail in their task, America would become a pagan nation, decadent in its own life and a menace to the world. But if the churches fulfill their Christian calling by the power of God, America will press on toward

the achievement of its high historic destiny and lead the world upward to a better day.

A Specific Task for the Churches

Government reports provide evidence of alarming deterioration of sex morals in our country. The careful program to reduce venereal disease among the armed forces has resulted in the acquiring of considerable information about civilian communities as well as the conduct of men in uniform.

During the first years of the war the records show a decline in the incidence of venereal disease among the armed forces, due to several factors, including education, improved prophylaxis and effective law enforcement under a policy of suppressing prostitution. Recently the trend has changed and the percentage of infections has shown an increase, due apparently to increased promiscuity.

Studies of the sources of infection reveal that prostitutes are the source of only eight per cent of the infections, whereas a number of years ago they were the source of half or more of the infections. "Pick-ups" and "friends" now account for most of the infections.

Brothels and taverns used to be high on the list of places where infection occurred. Now the hotel, the automobile and—most alarming—the home are much higher on the scale of percentages. The facts indicate widespread promiscuity, giving substantial confirmation to the general impression which any careful observer draws from the press and the court records.

In view of these developments a question of far-reaching significance must be asked: What are the moral consequences of the progress of science toward the successful treatment of venereal disease? Science has not developed a "sure cure" for all venereal disease. But it has developed treatment which effectively arrests the most obvious physical impairment. It has succeeded in making immorality physically less hazardous. It is possible that it may succeed in making sin physically safe. We are not implying that the progress of science is contributing to moral delinquency. We are implying that

the suppression of promiscuity is becoming increasingly a matter of moral discipline as it becomes less a matter of physical expediency. The hell which is the consequence of sin consists less in the physical retribution and more in the spiritual retribution. Thus another grave social problem should be recognized as essentially a moral problem requiring a moral educational approach.

Another observation is concerned with the relationship of law and law enforcement to morals. The May Act, and the orders of the War and Navy Departments, together with the law enforcement activities of federal, state and local agencies, have performed a notable service to society in the great progress made toward the suppression of prostitution and the elimination of the brothel. The task must be relentlessly pursued to its completion and much more effective work done on the hotels. But what of the "pick-up," the "friend," and the automobile and the home? Here the effectiveness of the law and the enforcement agencies is more limited and the responsibility of the Church obviously greater. Social control through law is necessary and helpful, but it is no substitute for moral discipline.

In this area of sex morality we are confronted with nothing less than a breakdown of fundamental mores. The Christian home is the only adequate answer.

Bread Cast Across the Waters

As the churches follow their men and women in the armed forces to far distant fields of action they make an invaluable contribution to the spiritual welfare of their own sons and daughters. They also help to strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship and to extend the influence of the Church. Many besides those who receive the communications are impressed.

If any pastor or local church committee has any doubts about the importance of this work, he should be reassured by the following report, for which we are indebted to *Presbyterian Progress*:

"On Rally Day Sunday a stranger appeared at the Fort George Presbyterian Church in New York City and told this story. During the grim-

mest days on the Anzio Beach he had found half buried in the sand and covered with filth and blood a scrap of paper. Not much was left of it but a bit of poem and a name and a few messages. It was a sheet from *Dots and Dashes* sent regularly by the Fort George Church to its 154 service men all over the world.

"This stranger hailing from New Zealand determined that if possible he would visit the church that sends such a paper to its boys and here he was on Sunday morning true to that promise. That day he taught a Sunday School class of boys who sat motionless, enthralled with his words. Later he went to call on a mother who had received a tragic message from the War Department and brought comfort to her heart. The poem that he found on that scrap of paper was this—

"If radio's slim fingers
Can pluck a melody
From night and toss it over
A continent or sea;
If songs, like crimson roses
Are culled from thin blue air,
Why should mortals wonder
If God hears prayer?"

A Coördinated Ministry

The National Council of the YMCA at its recent annual meeting adopted a resolution commending the World's Committee of the YMCA for its close collaboration with the Ecumenical Commission for Chaplaincy Service to Prisoners of War, of the World Council of Churches in "this most needed of all services to prisoners of war." The way in which the churches have been coöperating with the War Prisoners' Aid of the YMCA proves how warmly they reciprocate the YMCA's appreciation of the relationship which has been achieved.

The men behind barbed wire in Germany, England, in this country and elsewhere realize that they are being supported by a Christian ministry through the churches and the Christian Association. It is, in effect, one ministry as it comes to the men. Moreover, it is an ecumenical ministry. Its value to the men now is attested by the volume of their profuse thanks.

Canadian Council of Churches Launched

AN HISTORIC event in the life of Canada took place in Toronto September 26-28 when the inaugural meeting of the Canadian Council of Churches was held. The Council officially includes the Church of England in Canada, the United Church of Canada, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Canadian Baptists (Maritime Provinces, Ontario and Quebec, Western Baptist Union), the Churches of Christ (Disciples), the Evangelical Church, the Salvation Army and the Society of Friends. Also included in the Council as affiliated members are the national council of the Y.W.C.A. and the Student Christian Movement. The National Council of the Y.M.C.A. has not yet voted upon the invitation to be a member.

The first meeting of the Council, which was devoted chiefly to the final formulation of the constitution and to the organizational structure of the new movement, was marked by an unmistakable spirit of fellowship and unity. All the cooperating churches expressed deep satisfaction in now having a body through which they can unite on a dominion-wide basis in dealing with common problems and in representing the interests of the World Council of Churches in Canada.

The first President of the Canadian Council is Most Reverend Derwyn T. Owen, Primate of the Church of England in Canada; the General Secretary is Rev. W. J. Gallagher, a minister of the United Church of Canada who has come to a key place of interdenominational leadership as the Secretary of the Canadian Committee for the World Council of Churches, which now becomes a part of the Canadian Council of Churches.

Four Vice-Presidents representing various parts of the Dominion were elected: Rev. A. E. Kerr, Principal of Pine Hill College, Halifax; Professor John Hughes, Presbyterian College, Montreal; Dr. A. C. Campbell, President of the Western Baptist Union, Winnipeg, and Rev. W. E. Beese of Hamilton.

On the evening of September 26 a great "ecumenical service of worship" was held in the cathedral-like Yorkminster Baptist Church, with Bishop Broughall presiding. Fraternal greetings were brought from the British Council of Churches by Rev. Bryan Green of London; from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America by its General Secretary, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, and from the Church of Sweden and the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Commission by Rev. Carl Erik Wenngren. The sermon was given by Dr. Cavert on the theme "Many Members—One Body." He said in part:

"The central thing which is indicated by the formation of the Canadian Council of Churches and by similar movements in other parts of the world is that we are making a new discovery of the meaning of Christian community. This has not been the chief note in Protestantism during most of its history.

Its great glory has been in its witness to the principle of Christian individuality. But we now see that we must have an equal emphasis upon the correlative principle of Christian community. This means an enhanced appreciation of the Church—and of the Church as more than an isolated denomination. For a denomination, by its very nature, is incapable of being a complete expression of the inclusive, universal, catholic character of the Church of Christ."

At a luncheon meeting held in the Granite Club as the guests of Mr. W. B. Warriner, the Treasurer of the new organization, Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, American Secretary of the World Council of Churches, was the speaker. His address pictured the Canadian development as a part of the rising ecumenical consciousness.

Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins was a fraternal delegate from the World Conference on Faith and Order and Mrs. E. A. Stebbins from the American Committee for the World Council.

A session was devoted to the overseas responsibilities of the Canadian churches, with special reference to the program of reconstruction and inter-church aid in Europe. Dr. Cavert spoke for the Provisional Committee of the World Council in this connection.

Visitation to Conscientious Objectors

Ninety-six ministers and laymen have responded to a call for visitors to Civilian Public Service Camps and special units, issued by the Federal Council's Committee on the Conscientious Objector. The purpose of the visitation is to provide a continuing ministry of counseling and fellowship to the 7,000 men in C.P.S. camps and mental hospitals, training school, agricultural college, general hospital, and experimental units. In the latter, 150 men are serving as "guinea pigs" in medical experiments designed to solve some public health problems.

Federal Council visitors have thus far made 43 visits touching 33 units. C.P.S. men have expressed gratitude for this practical evidence of general interest on the part of the churches in the wartime witness they feel called to make. Visitors have reported stimulating experiences as they go from camp to camp and a growing appreciation of the men whom they have met. A number of them have undertaken to visit nearby camps or units regularly for counseling and other needed ministry. Twenty-one state and local councils of churches have reported surveys of current visitation to C.P.S. and outlined plans.

To enrich C.P.S. educational and religious programs the Committee has mailed to all camps and units two kits of material gathered from Federal Council departments and commissions. The Committee endeavors to keep men informed on the advances of Protestant Christianity and to channel to the officers of communions from which they have come facts concerning C.P.S. problems.

Preparing for Returning Service Men and Women

ALREADY more than a million and a half men have been returned to civilian life from the various branches of the armed forces. They are continuing to return at the rate of many thousands per month. That is to say, the demobilization process has already begun. In a limited, yet very real, sense "postwar" problems and needs are confronting many of our American communities even now.

Numerous governmental and private social agencies are concerning themselves with the problems and needs of these returning men and women. The churches and church-related agencies dare be no less concerned about their attitudes and needs.

There is urgent need for Protestant community leaders to inform themselves in order that Protestantism may carry its full share of community responsibility. They will need also to discover effective ways of relating Protestant resources to the total community effort. Therefore, Protestant leaders in various local communities, or regions, will find it highly desirable and profitable to come together in conferences or seminars to acquire information and to take counsel together.

Already many city or regional or state councils of churches have held such conferences and seminars. Gathered from their experience, the following suggestions are offered to other cities or regions:

SPONSORSHIP

A council of churches, a ministerial association, a local Y.M.C.A., a local Y.W.C.A., a local committee made up of representatives of the churches and the Christian associations or any group of interested Protestant leaders, may appropriately call the conference.

Because the problem to be faced is far bigger than any one church or organization can solve, and because the total Protestant community in a city or section, working together, can more effectively and fully meet the moral, social and spiritual needs of the Protestant constituency, it is urged that such conferences or seminars be jointly planned and promoted.

MEMBERSHIP

Such conferences or seminars should not be public mass meetings. They should be study groups made up of those people who have, or may be invited to accept some program, policy or planning responsibility in their organizations. The list would include all ministers of Protestant churches, Y.M.C.A. staff, Y.W.C.A. staff, church service men's committees, lay committees of the Christian associations on service personnel, superintendents of church schools, officers of church young adult groups, and for the sake of perspective and of an exchange of informa-

tion, representatives from the following community agencies: public schools, local government agencies, local social agencies, and federal agencies concerned with veterans' affairs, such as the Veterans' Administration, U. S. Employment Service and Selective Service.

PROGRAM

Provide the best possible presentations of the informational material and allow plenty of time for questions and exchange of experience and plans of the members of the conference. Select the most skillful person, or persons, available for guiding the discussion. Have available for free distribution and for sale such printed resource materials as can be secured from government, church and association sources.

The physical setting of the conference is important. The sanctuary of a church is not very conducive to free discussion; a more informal room is desirable.

ARRANGEMENTS

The size of the region to be served by a conference will depend upon such local factors as natural community grouping, community consciousness, travel facilities, etc. The time schedule may provide for a continuous session of one or two days' duration or for a series of sessions at stated times over a number of weeks. The cost need not be large. Most of the leadership, if not all of it, probably can be had without cost, except for traveling expenses. A small registration fee will generally cover the incidental costs. The promotion cost probably can be absorbed by the sponsoring agencies.

Records and findings, including careful registration of the membership of the group, will prove useful for follow-up and further cooperative activities. Provision should be made for keeping full notes on the proceedings—stenographic notes, if possible. A report based on the notes will be valuable to the members of the conference and to whatever local organization may be charged with implementing the findings of the conference. The national offices of the Christian Associations and the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities will be glad to have copies of all such reports.

Publicity need not be extensive. The regular channels of communication of the cooperating agencies, plus local newspaper stories, will probably be all that will be required. Care should be taken not to violate the personalities of the men already discharged by "scare-headline" publicity.

Local groups planning such conferences or seminars are invited to write to the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities for further details and samples of programs which have proved effective.

Biennial Meeting, November 28-30

THE BIENNIAL sessions of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, in Pittsburgh, Pa., November 28-30, will be devoted primarily to the formulation of policies and programs of Christian cooperation during the war and the post-war period.

Attendance is to be limited to the official members of the Council, as named by the cooperating denominations. The President of the Council, Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, and the Vice-President, Dr. J. McDowell Richards, will preside. Their successors in these offices for the biennium 1945-46 will be elected at Pittsburgh.

One of the outstanding features of the occasion will be the report of the "Commission on the Relation of the Church to the War in the Light of the Christian Faith," which was created by the Biennial meeting of 1942. This Commission, made up of a score of outstanding Christian scholars under the chairmanship of Professor Robert L. Calhoun of Yale, has been preparing its report during the past eighteen months. It is expected that the document will be of a thorough-going character, dealing with the historical, theological and practical phases of the question.

Another feature will be the "presidential address" by Bishop Tucker, the retiring President. This will be part of a public service of worship to be held in Trinity Cathedral at the end of the biennial sessions. The new President and Vice-President of the Council will be inaugurated in an impressive ceremony at that time.

Fraternal delegates from the British Council of Churches and from the Canadian Council of Churches will add an international touch to the meetings. Representing the British Council will be Rev. Bryan Green, a London rector who has done outstanding work in evangelism. Representing the newly formed Canadian Council of Churches will be its General Secretary, Rev. W. J. Gallagher of Toronto, who will report on the plans of the Canadian Council and its relationship to the Federal Council.

In the interval between the afternoon and evening sessions on Wednesday, November 29th, the Department of National Religious Radio is to give a complimentary dinner to the members of the Council for the purpose of providing an opportunity for them to learn about new developments and trends in the radio world which are of interest to the churches. The two speakers on this occasion will be Mr. Harrison B. Summers, director of public service of the Blue Network, and Mr. Max Jordan, director of religious activities of the National Broadcasting Company.

Among the important items of business will be a group

of applications for membership in the Council. Correspondence to date indicates that there will be applications from the Russian Orthodox Church in America, the Universalist Church, the Church of the New Jerusalem, the Czech-Moravian Brethren in America and the Church of the East and of the Assyrians.

The treasurer, Mr. Harper Sibley of Rochester, N. Y., formerly president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, will report on the financial support of the Council.

The main emphases of the meeting are expected to include: the strengthening of the evangelistic spirit in the churches, the relation of the Protestant churches to programs of social welfare in the community, the attitude of the churches toward compulsory military training in peacetime, methods of advance in inter-racial cooperation, the contribution of the churches to a just and durable peace, and assistance to the Protestant bodies of Europe at the end of the war.

The meetings will be held in the Urban Room of the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, with the single exception of the public meeting scheduled for Trinity Cathedral on the evening of November 30.

Messages to French Churches

The Archbishop of Canterbury, as President of the British Council of Churches, sent a broadcast message to the Christian people of France on the occasion of the liberation of their country. After referring to the thanksgivings offered in British churches, his message continued:

"We look forward to the restoration of close cooperation between the Christians of our two countries, amongst whom we greet with particular affection our friends of the French Reformed Church."

A message sent to Dr. Marc Boegner, President of the French Protestant Church Federation, from the United States and delivered by a chaplain of the American Forces in person soon after liberation, was as follows:

"Your American colleagues in the Federal Council and the World Council hail with profound gratitude to God the liberation of France and the approach of a new day for your hard-pressed churches. We have been heartened by your patient and inflexible courage, your fearless resistance, and your championship of the first victims of Nazi fury. We now look forward with joy to an early resumption of our face-to-face companionship in the service of our Common Lord."

Church Leaders Visit American Troops in Europe

RT. REV. HENRY W. HOBSON, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, and Dr. George Stewart, until recently the minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, Conn., will represent the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains in a visit to the European Theater of Operations. They will confer with overseas chaplains in the interest of making their spiritual ministry to the American armed forces more effective and will also convey to them the assurances of good will and interest in their work from Protestant religious bodies in America.

Bishop Hobson will serve the General Commission in connection with his duties as a member of the deputation of Protestant Episcopal clergymen who have gone to England to confer with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Last spring the Bishop made a thorough visitation of camps and naval stations in the Fifth Service Command. He is the second Protestant Episcopal Bishop to serve the General Commission on extensive missions to the armed forces. Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of the Dio-

cese of Massachusetts made a visit to Alaska and the Aleutians for the General Commission during the summer of 1943.

During World War I Bishop Hobson was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross while serving as Major in command of the 3rd Battalion of the 89th Division in France. He was twice wounded and was gassed during the engagements of his battalion.

Dr. George Stewart is conversant with affairs in the European Theater of Operations, having upon invitation of British military authorities spent the last three summers in interpreting to British forces American life and history. He entered the previous World War as a private and was mustered out a captain. He is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France, and the author of nearly a score of volumes, among which "Protestant Europe—Its Crisis and Outlook," written in conjunction with Dr. Adolph Keller, the eminent European scholar, commanded unusual attention.

Nationwide Bible Reading, Thanksgiving to Christmas

ANATIONWIDE Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas, in which millions of American service men and women and their families and great numbers of other Americans will join, is being sponsored by the American Bible Society and two National Sponsoring Committees formed for this purpose.

The National Sponsoring Committee of laymen, composed of leaders in various fields, includes ex-President Herbert Hoover, Mr. John Foster Dulles, Admiral Ernest J. King, and Ambassador John G. Winant. More than thirty major religious bodies are represented on the National Sponsoring Committee of Denominational Presiding Officers.

Hundreds of thousands of men and women in the armed forces and multitudes at home are finding the Bible an inspiration and guide now as never before. By a more extended and simultaneous reading now by those in service and by those of us at home a spiritual bond will be created that will be full of meaning for millions of families and that will make a priceless contribution to their hope and faith.

Through a nationwide poll of pastors and Army and Navy chaplains, Bible passages most helpful in times like these have been chosen. The passages receiving the larg-

est number of votes are being designated one for each of the 33 days between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Bookmark leaflets listing the passages with helpful suggestions on how to get the most out of the reading are being furnished without charge in large quantities to churches and chaplains for wide distribution. Copies may also be secured by writing to the American Bible Society, Bible House, Park Avenue and 57th Street, New York 22, N. Y.

Both civilians and men and women in our armed forces will be reading the passages each day all over the world.

LIST OF 33 PASSAGES

Thanksgiving, November 23.....	Psalm 103
Friday	John 14
Saturday	Psalm 23
Sunday, November 26.....	Psalm 1
Monday	Matthew 5
Tuesday	Romans 8
Wednesday	I Corinthians 13
Thursday	Psalm 91
Friday	Matthew 6
Saturday	John 3
Sunday, December 3.....	Isaiah 40
Monday	Psalm 46
Tuesday	Romans 12
Wednesday	Hebrews 11
Thursday	Matthew 7

Friday	John 15	Sunday, December 17.....	Isaiah 53
Saturday	Psalms 27	Monday	I Corinthians 15
Sunday, December 10.....	Isaiah 55	Tuesday	John 10
Monday	Psalms 121	Wednesday	Psalms 51
Tuesday	Philippians 4	Thursday	Psalms 37
Wednesday	Revelation 21	Friday	John 1
Thursday	Luke 15	Saturday	Revelation 22
Friday	Ephesians 6	Sunday, December 24.....	Psalms 90
Saturday	John 17	Christmas, December 25.....	Luke 2

Protest Against Desecration of Slain Enemies

DEPLORING "isolated" acts of desecration with respect to the bodies of slain Japanese soldiers, Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, President of the Federal Council in a public statement issued on October 13th appealed to American soldiers as a group to discourage such actions among the "relatively small number of their comrades in arms who may be inclined toward such conduct."

The text of the statement follows:

"The Christian thinking people of America cannot but deplore isolated acts of desecration with respect to the bodies of the soldier dead of those nations with which our Government is at war. It will be recalled that on August 10 the White House made known the fact that President Roosevelt had refused to accept a letter-opener which was described as having been carved from a bone of a Japanese soldier. In addition, pictures have been shown displaying the skulls of Japanese soldiers sent to this country.

"However much actions of this kind may have been

provoked by the military conduct of the Japanese, they cannot but be condemned not only from the standpoint of Christian ethics but also out of respect for the canons of human decency. Nor can we be unmindful of the fact that the reports of such conduct have the effect of stiffening morale in enemy countries and of engendering feelings of hatred that will make more difficult the establishment of friendly relations with the Japanese people once the war is over.

"Christians will, I am sure, warmly approve the action of the President in declining to be a party to this practice. It is our belief that as a group our men in the Army would deprecate it. As the President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America I call upon them to discourage it among the relatively small number of their comrades in arms who may be inclined toward such conduct. We are gratified to know that any such practice is contrary to the spirit and policy of our military leaders and would urge them to make the existing policy thoroughly effective."

Better Film Service for Churches

PROTESTANT churches have increased their use of religious motion pictures approximately 250 percent, since 1941, according to statistics available to The Religious Film Association, Inc. Such a remarkable new emphasis on visual education by the churches would indicate that they are rapidly becoming aware of the advantages of this educational method which has been used so effectively by the armed forces in reducing the training time of men in the service.

This upsurge of demand for visual materials is responsible for an important development which will provide a more efficient and widespread film service for the churches. Three organizations have worked out a coöperative arrangement which will permit each to make its special contribution to the new service.

Under the arrangement, The Religious Film Association (297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.), a service organization comprised of official agencies and boards of eighteen denominations, celebrated its second birthday by taking over principal distribution of the Harmon

Foundation library of religious and educational films, including those produced by the Religious Film Society of Great Britain. These films, together with others acquired by the Association, will be shipped from depositories in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, and Dallas operated for the Association by the Y.M.C.A. Motion Picture Bureau. It is expected that one or more additional depositories may be opened in the near future.

An intensified campaign to promote religious education through films will mark the consummation of the arrangements, with both the Association and the "Y" working toward this end. The Harmon Foundation, meanwhile, will devote the major efforts of its Division of Visual Experiment to the production of educational and religious films and other visual materials.

An unusual feature of the plan is that The Religious Film Association and the Y.M.C.A. will distribute each other's catalogues to supplement their own.

As before, the churches will be expected to secure their films through their denominational agencies which are

members of the Association, since this provides a greater opportunity for personal attention and advice than would otherwise be possible.

Speakers Discuss Race Relations

"Forced segregation is the inner heart, the citadel, of racial injustice . . . There can be no equality without fraternity. If the Church is going to make its distinctive contribution in this matter it must face up to the evil of segregation and put its primary emphasis there," said Dr. John Knox, Professor of New Testament, Union Theological Seminary, New York, in a talk at the first session of the annual meeting of the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches.

These remarks followed a panel discussion led by Mrs. Allan Knight Chalmers on "Creating Christian Interracial Attitudes Among Church Women." The trend of that discussion was that church women have a major influence in the policies and practices of the churches. They also affect inter-racial attitudes through their influence in the home.

At a luncheon session Dr. Elmore McKee, rector of St. George's Church, New York, said, "There is the individual expert who is expert in the use of the noun 'thing' . . . Then there is the expert in relationships; that is the vocation of a person. This does not mean we are going to minimize things, but simply put them in their proper place. This distinction," he said, "between things and persons is preeminently true in the field of race relations. The philosophy has to be that of our vocation as persons."

During the afternoon session there were two panels. The first one was led by Mrs. Mary Esther McWhirter, director of the Children's Division, New York State Council of Churches, on "Creating Friendly Interracial Attitudes Among Children." The second panel, led by Miss Olivia P. Stokes, Associate Director of the Baptist Educational Center, New York City, discussed inter-racial work among young people. Several points were stressed including interracial mediations in student bodies; interracial work projects, discussion groups and group living together on college campuses in summer institutes and assemblies.

Rev. John Johnson closed the meeting on a note similar to that struck at the first session. He said in part: "I agree that there are places in this country where we can only go so fast. All I say is this, that we must go as fast as possible. Non-segregation in my mind is Christian

and I hope to live long enough to see the day when all of our Negro churches have numbers of white people who want to belong there and all our white churches have Negro members who want to belong there. Non-segregation means that where conditions are normal, there will be interracial contact on a normal level."

Radio Schedule

Sundays—10:00-10:30 a. m. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman in "National Radio Pulpit" WEAf and Network

Sundays—2:30-3:00 p. m. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick in "National Vespers" WJZ and Network

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Wednesdays—Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, Dr. Allen E. Claxton

Thursdays—Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Rev. Ralph S. Meadowcroft

(All hours given are Eastern War Time.)

Universal Week of Prayer—1945

The first full week in January each year is sponsored by the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism as the Universal Week of Prayer. The dates for the 1945 observance are January 7-14, and the general theme is "Pray—Thy Kingdom Come." The topics have been prepared by Rev. Hampton Adams, pastor of the Union Avenue Christian Church of St. Louis, Mo. Most communities hold united prayer services, but not a few local congregations observe the week separately where it is not possible to secure united services. "Topics for the Universal Week of Prayer" may be ordered from the Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., at five cents a single copy, three cents each in any quantity postpaid.

United Church Canvass Radio Program

The Fall 1944 United Church Canvass National Radio Program will include the following:

Monday, November 13, 8:30-9:00 p.m. NBC network, Mr. Harvey S. Firestone, Jr.

Sunday, November 19, probably 1:30 to 1:45 p.m. Columbia network, Mr. Charles E. Wilson.

Sunday, November 26, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Mutual Radio Chapel, Dr. Earl F. Adams.

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Thousands of Household Kits will be sent to Russia during the coming months as a gesture of the friendship of the Protestant churches of America, according to Dr. Ralph Sockman, head of Russian War Relief's Interfaith Committee, which is promoting the campaign among the churches. 25,000 of the kits to be filled were ordered over a two-month period. Each will be filled with essential household commodities such as needles and thread, soap and towels, writing materials, adhesive tape.

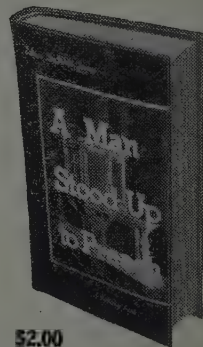
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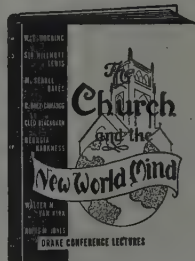
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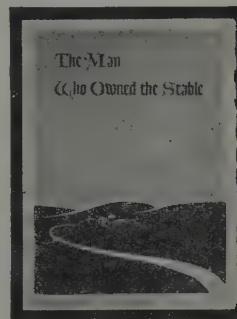
Seminars on worship have been held in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 24 and 25; Beloit, Wisc., October 8 and 9; and Naperville, Ill., October 10. In Cincinnati the seminar was held under the auspices of the Council of Churches of Greater Cincinnati, Dr. Henry Pearce Atkins, Secretary, with Rev. Clayton E. Williams, chairman of the committee. In Beloit the Beloit Ministerial Association handled the arrangements under the chairmanship of Rev. H. A. Studebaker. In Naperville, the Evangelical Theological Seminary and the Naperville Council of Religion united in arranging the program with Professor H. H. Kalas and Rev. Delbert E. Harrell heading the committee.

In Naperville the day's program came to an impressive climax when 280 people sat down to dinner and a consideration of "The Devotional Life in the Home." The Beloit seminar had two particularly significant features; one was the men's luncheon at which 125 men were present, and were addressed by Dr. Boynton Merrill, Columbus, Ohio, on "Good Odds: One to One Hundred and Sixty-seven," a presentation of the value of the Sunday morning worship hour. The other was the hymn festival led by Dr. Earl E. Harper of the University of Iowa, in the First Congregational Church.

The feature of the Cincinnati seminar was the day sessions on Sunday afternoon led by Professor Ross Snyder, Chicago, on "Training in Worship"; Dr. Boynton Merrill on Monday morning on "Worship with Understanding" and Monday afternoon on "My experience with Children in Worship."

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News of State and Local Cooperation

Spiritual Life Emphasis

The Council of Churches of Buffalo and Erie County, sensing the need for a way forward through the tensions of the present and believing that Christ is that way, planned a Spiritual Life Emphasis in three phases:

The County-Wide Preaching MissionOctober 1-6
An Outreach to the Unreached
(Visitation Evangelism)

October 22-29

National Christian Mission

November 19-24

The committee in charge of the Erie County Preaching Mission defined its purposes as follows: (1) To deepen our faith in our Faith—to help Buffalo's church members to see how central Christ really is; (2) To help our church to rally its members to match the stirring trial of these days; (3) To strengthen each church and each church member with the thrill of working together.

Massachusetts Organizes New Councils

The churches of Gardner, Mass., have completed the organization of the Gardner Council of Churches. The churches of Everett and the churches of Northampton are studying how to launch a council of churches enterprise in each of these communities. Rev. Frank Jennings, Executive Secretary of the State Council, reports that when these two councils have been organized there will then be a total of forty-five city and local councils within Massachusetts.

North Carolina Developments

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches was held on September 26, 1944, at Guilford College, N.C. The Executive Secretary, Rev. Ernest Arnold, emphasized the great "Religious Heritage" of the people of the state as the "good foundation upon which to build a spiritual monument that will truly 'promote fellowship and mutual understanding among the followers of Christ of the several communions of North Carolina.'"

Among the accomplishments cited for 1944 were: The organization of the Department of Church Women and the establishment of local councils of churches. The need was expressed for a "strong united approach in the field of evangelism" and for the organization of more local councils of churches. The financial growth has been steady throughout the five years, as indicated by the receipts for each year: 1939-40, \$3,943.72; 1940-41, \$5,536.86; 1941-42, \$6,313.00; 1942-43, \$6,145.18; 1943-44, \$9,033.67. The number of churches contributing increased from 15 in

1939 to 87 in 1944. The denominations contributing increased from 6 to 13 and individuals contributing increased from 102 to 352 over the same period. The budget approved for 1944-45 is \$10,944.50.

Weekday Religious Education was reported in operation in 160 different communities with a pupil enrolment of over 22,000.

The Race Relations Committee submitted the following specific recommendations: "That an effort be made through the constituent churches to discover areas in which the races may find a common meeting ground, not only as children of the same God, but as citizens of the same state. These common meeting grounds pertain to our educational systems, with special reference to the determination of youthful attitudes, health and housing programs, institutions for the delinquent and unfortunate, equal economic opportunity particularly for returning service men, justice in the courts and the free exercise of the right of franchise. Would it not encourage the understanding of each race for the other if the Church should foster the formation of small groups of wise and temperate and courageous individuals within their respective congregations, who would give their earnest attention to those things? It is more than a humanitarian problem. It is a vast religious problem. A two-fold program, to worship and then to work—this, we submit, approximates to Christ's summary of the Law, first, to 'love the Lord our God,' and then, inevitably then, to 'love our neighbors as ourselves.'"

New Councils Considered in Ohio

The need for a Columbus, Ohio, Council of Churches was studied by a delegated group of laymen, laywomen and clergymen on Tuesday evening, October 10, 1944. A committee appointed by the Columbus Ministerial Association reported on the need for such a council which had been expressed in response to a mail canvass of the churches. The areas of need listed, included vacation church schools, leadership training, weekday religious education, radio, comity and church extension and the church's ministry to returning service men and women. The "why and how" of city councils of churches were outlined. The group voted that it be the sense of the meeting that a council of churches should be created to carry forward the cooperative work of the churches in the Greater Columbus area, that an enlarged committee be authorized to draft a plan and a budget for such a council for submission to the churches and that a council be established as soon as the budgetary requirements could be fulfilled.

The Akron, Ohio, Ministerial Association on October 9 faced the question: "Does Akron Need a Council of Churches?" Paramount in their study was the church's ministry to industrial defense populations and to returning service men and women. The Association created a committee to continue the study, to seek the cooperation of lay people and to submit its findings to the Association whenever its conclusions make this possible.

The Ministry of Reconciliation

The Wichita, Kansas, Council of Churches reports a joint meeting between the Ministers' Association and the Manufacturers' Association on Thursday, September 28, 1944 on the subject: "The Effect of the Corporation on American Life." A similar meeting will be arranged between the Ministers' Association and representatives from organized labor during November.

Minneapolis Radio Service

Four sustaining programs have been arranged and are now conducted weekly by the Radio Department. They are: "The Bible School of the Air," "Families Have Fun," "Song and Story" and "Hello, Pastor."

The Department has assisted the following denominations in their broadcasting of the proceedings of state and national meetings: The Augustana Synod of the Lutheran Church, the National Nazarene Conference, the Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church and the National Conference of the United Lutheran Council.

The Department further assisted in conducting a one-day Radio Institute in which religious broadcasting was discussed by churchmen and representatives of the radio industry.

Graham County Council's Junior Chorus

The Graham County Council of Churches (Kansas) started a Junior Chorus in 1937. It began with twelve boys and girls from four schools. The chorus has grown, until today 100 children from 12 church schools sing together under the direction of Mrs. Ada Griffiths of the Prairie Home Church. The chorus has sung at the Oberlin and Hays Regional Conventions and hopes to sing at other conventions after the war.

Mrs. Griffiths selects the list of hymns to be used by the chorus and sends them to the chorus leaders in the local schools. The boys and girls are used as junior choirs in their schools. Several schools have a robed junior choir as a result of this fine effort.

Staff Changes

Mrs. Christine Jones has been appointed by the Massachusetts Council of Churches as Director of International Relations.

Rev. James Millar has been elected Field Secretary of the Oregon Council of Churches.

Rev. Walter Ewing has been appointed Chaplain of the Toledo, Ohio, State Hospital serving under the general supervision of the Toledo Council of Churches.

Miss Ruth Smedley has been appointed Director of the Defense Commission of the Washington (D.C.) Federation of Churches. Miss Smedley has just returned from seventeen months of service overseas in the U.S.O. work. She succeeds the Rev. Donald Bautz who has re-entered his training for the Christian ministry. Miss

Smedley began her work on September 18, 1944.

Rev. C. Willard Fetter was chosen by the Church Federation of Dayton and Montgomery County as the Director of War Services. He succeeds Rev. Harry E. Titus who resigned June 1 to become Director of the Cincinnati area of the War Relocation Authority. Mr. Fetter was for six years minister of the Residence Park United Brethren Church, Dayton.

Rev. Felix B. Peck has been called as Associate Secretary, Department of Ministry to Service Men of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago. Mr. Peck was formerly minister of the Milton Avenue Evangelical and Reformed Church in Louisville, Ky. He received his S.T.D. degree from Westminster Theological Seminary.

Rev. Felix A. Manley has accepted the executive secretaryship of the Pasadena Council of Churches. Mr. Manley was formerly minister of the First Congregational Church, South Hadley, Mass., and served for a number of years as the Executive Secretary of the New Haven Council of Churches.

Rev. Joseph W. Merchant has accepted the call of the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford, Mass., to become their Executive Secretary. Mr. Merchant was previously minister of the Grace Union Church, North Wilbraham, Mass.

Rev. J. Chapman Bradley, formerly Administrative Secretary of the Greater New York Federation of Churches, has been appointed a special executive director of the American Bible Society, serving in connection with the Society's forthcoming War Emergency and Rehabilitation program campaign. Dr. Bradley began his work with the American Bible Society on October 1, 1944.

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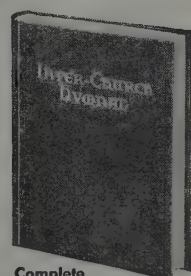
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Mr. Mumford deplors the tendency toward preoccupation with "contemporary" history, holding that all history is important because it is in fact contemporary. Man's past is ever with him and ready to instruct him. Thus the crisis in ancient Greek culture "has an obvious parallel in our own culture, not least in the fact that it came so unexpectedly on the heels of their superb achievements in every department of art and thought." And since the focus of the author's interest throughout

is personality, he finds the key to the re-birth of our machine-centered culture in the blazing personality that emerged in Palestine "whose words of meekness and resignation belied the power and belittled the destiny of Rome."

In historic Christianity, however, Mr. Mumford sees many inadequacies, e.g. excessive doctrinal elaboration and the submersion in asceticism of Jesus' vision of "health, life, renewal." He notes also that the Church, taking over the mechanisms of the State, "betrayed the spirit of Jesus"; yet he recognizes the "hard truth" that "every formative idea, in the act of prolonging its existence, tends to kill the original living spirit that brought it forth. And yet, without undergoing this transformation and extension, the idea would have remained inoperative and self-enclosed."

The medieval synthesis, as represented by St. Thomas' *Summa* and Dante's *Divine Comedy* and symbolized in the Cathedral, is portrayed as a great achievement, but since it was the "expression of a particular cultural moment" it could not endure. "To aim at unity is the prime condition of life: to hold on to this unity, to immobilize it,

is the prelude to death."

Mr. Mumford inverts the thesis of Max Weber, and argues that Protestantism has been the foe of capitalism, the seeds (and some of the flowers!) of which were present in the Catholic world. Here, however, he seems to this reviewer to depend rather too much on the less typical elements in the Protestant tradition.

Controversial, too, is the author's belittling treatment of Charles Darwin's work which, he says, "sanctified the brutality of industrialism and gave a fresh impulse to the imperialism that succeeded it." To call Natural Selection a "myth" is to invite censure from the scientific world—and quite needlessly, so far as sustaining the author's view of the limitations of modern science is concerned. More convincing are his critiques of romanticism and of Marxism and his analysis of the crisis in industrial capitalism. F.E.J.

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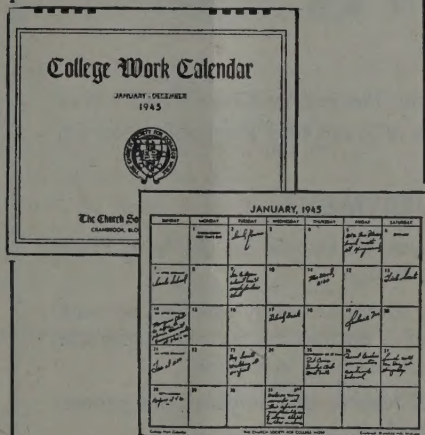
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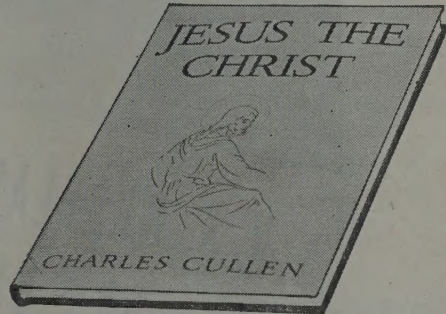
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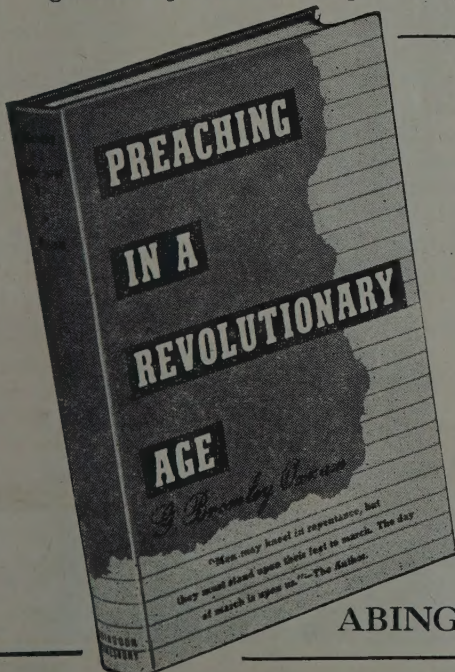
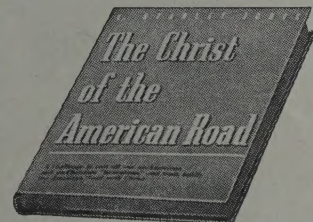
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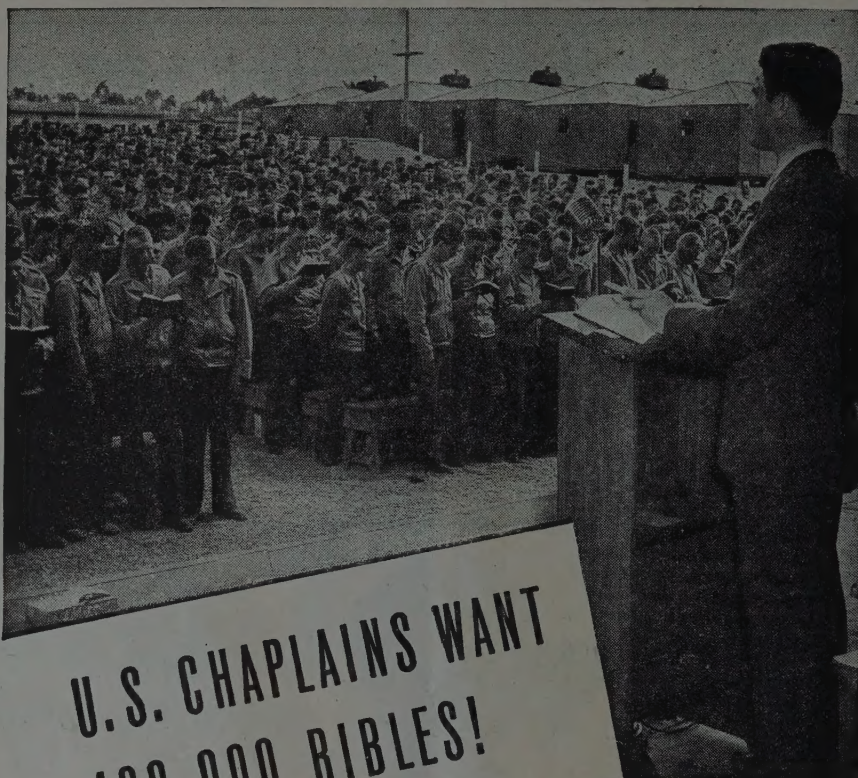
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